



COMMUNITY POLICE REVIEW COMMISSION



MONTHLY REPORT

By

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INTRODUCTION:

The December holidays have come and gone and with it our first complete year of operation. We anticipate that the Commission will approve our first annual report during the Regular Meeting on January 28, 2002. It will then be presented to the Mayor and City Council and will be made public as soon as the Council agenda is published. Persons on our mailing list, along with others in the public, will be sent copies.

The Commission has been accomplished a lot this year, and we look forward to our second year of operation.

INCREASED CASE LOAD:

The year ended with a higher number of citizen complaints being filed than in either of the previous two years. It is difficult to determine why this occurred and whether or not this trend will continue.

One very positive note to report is that the overall quality of the internal investigations has improved since the first of the year. This trend can be directly attributed to the presence of the Community Police Review Commission. The Commission is the only entity in the complaint system that reviews investigations with a critical eye and determines if the investigations meet the standards set by the Police Department.

While we may be the change-agent in the process, our work would not have much effect if it were not for the professionalism and continued support from the Police Chief, his command staff, and the "can do" attitude of the first- and second-line supervisors in the PD.

OUTREACH:

Community outreach slowed a little with the Executive Director and various Commissioners attending a total of three community meetings and events. Meetings and events attended were: Friday Morning Group, Good Morning Riverside, and Chamber of Commerce Legislative Affairs Committee.

WORKLOAD:**Cases Received**

	Lodged*	Filed/CPRC	Filed/P.D.
December '01	1	0	13

* A complaint is considered Lodged when a citizen makes the complaint to the CPRC and is filed when they actually submit the completed complaint form.

Case Dispositions

	Cases Reviewed	Inquiries	Administratively Closed **
December '01	8	1	1

** Complainants are given 30 days to return the paperwork before a closure letter is sent. The closure letter advises the complainants that the case will be re-opened if they submit the completed paperwork before the 6-month deadline.

Allegations

	U/F	Disc/SH	IDF	ISS	FA	FR	CC	MC
December '01	5	3	0	0	0	0	2	15

U/F = Use of Force, Disc/SH = Discrimination/Sexual Harassment, IDF = Improper Discharge of Firearms, ISS = Illegal Search or Seizure, FA = False Arrest, FR = False Reporting, CC = Criminal Conduct, MC = Misconduct

Findings

	Unfounded	Exonerated	Not Sustained	Sustained	Misconduct Noted
December '01	11	4	8	2	0

Referrals

	Personnel Complaints	Service Complaints
December '01	0	0

Policy Recommendations

There were 0 policy recommendations made by the Commission for the month of December '01.